

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Skagway****Project Title:**

Skagway - Pedestrian Bridge Over West Creek

State Funding Requested: \$ 150,000
One-Time Need**House District: 5 - C****Brief Project Description:**

Project will move the pedestrian bridge from its current location to West Creek which will improve access and prevent damage to riparian areas and protect wildlife.

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$150,000**Funding Secured*Amount FY*Other Pending Requests*Amount FY*Anticipated Future Need*Amount FY*

There is no other funding needed

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The City of Skagway wants to relocate an old 115ft transfer ramp located near the ferry terminal in Skagway to the West Creek Road. Structural repairs are needed on the steel truss at one end of the bridge. The bridge will be supported by gabions at each end. Once in place, the bridge will allow better access and use of the trail system on the other side of the bridge. It will also prevent damage to riparian areas and protect wildlife in the creek.

Skagway is a major port for cruise ships and sees thousands of people pass through during the summer months. This bridge will help lessen the impact that these people will have on the natural surroundings of the hiking trails.

Project Timeline:

Funding will be secured in the summer of 2008 with construction beginning immediately.

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

City of Skagway

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No



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MEMORANDUM

Date: 20 March 2008
To: Skagway Municipal Assembly
Senator Albert Kookesh
Representative Bill Thomas
From: Alan Sorum - Manager
Subject: West Creek Pedestrian Bridge Project

The Skagway Municipal Assembly has discussed and approved the West Creek Pedestrian Bridge as a Municipal project twice in just over the past year.

On 15 March 2007, the Borough Assembly identified three priority projects, the Health Clinic, Booster Pump Station and repairs to the 20th Avenue Dike for the FY2008 Capital Budget. A list of additional smaller projects that included the West Creek Pedestrian Bridge was approved at this meeting for possible state funding. The Booster Pump Station, 20th Avenue Dike repairs, and West Creek Pedestrian Bridge were included in the State FY2008 Capital Budget. The Governor vetoed the Booster Pump Station and West Creek Pedestrian Bridge projects.

The Skagway Municipal Assembly met in regular session on 27 November 2007 to consider capital improvement project requests for 2008. Skagway projects were prioritized by funding source and reflect efforts to improve public safety, protect existing infrastructure and provide better service to visiting cruise ship passengers. Again the Health Clinic and Booster Pump Station were identified as the highest community priorities. The West Creek Pedestrian Bridge was approved as an additional project pending funding and ranked high on the list of proposed alternate projects. The only project on the list ahead of it has already been funded.

The West Creek Pedestrian Bridge project will improve access to public lands and the trail system found on the other side of West Creek. The bridge will prevent damage to riparian areas and protect wildlife habitat.

Thank you for supporting the Municipality of Skagway and please call if you have questions.

West Creek Pedestrian Bridge

Funding Request: \$150,000

Project Description: The Municipality of Skagway proposes to relocate a previously used 115ft passenger transfer ramp (the bridge) located near the Ferry Terminal in Skagway to Mile 1.7 of the West Creek Road to span West Creek. Structural repairs are required to the steel truss at one end of the bridge. The bridge will be supported by gabions at each end. Once in place, the bridge will allow multiple use of the trail system on the other side of the bridge.

Cost Estimates and In-Kind Contributions: Project estimates total \$150,000. The Municipality of Skagway has already funded the design, engineering, and completion of construction documents required to bid the project. A number of community volunteers are on-hand to assist in completion of the project.

Facility Maintenance: The Municipality of Skagway has the capacity to properly maintain the infrastructure improvements. There are no easily foreseen changes to the State's financial obligations because of this project.

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